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2018 California

Tribal Water Summit

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Welcome Letter from DWR's Director

Dear Tribal Leaders and Tribal Water Summit Participants,

On behalf of the Department of Water Resources, in collaboration with the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team, we welcome your participation in the third statewide California Tribal Water Summit.

The Tribal Water Summit is the only statewide summit that brings together Tribes, federal agencies, state agencies, and other related water users to discuss the most pressing policy issues California Tribal governments face today. The purpose of this and prior summits (including the 2009 and 2013 Tribal Water Summits) is to enhance updates of the California Water Plan. The 2018 Tribal Water Summit will continue that unique collaboration for including the Tribal perspectives and contributions to the California Water Plan Update 2018.

The purpose of the Tribal Water Summit is to enhance the California Water Plan Update by including Tribal perspectives in the document and its materials. It is also an opportunity to honor the accomplishments by the State of California and California's Tribal Governments. Specifically, we will acknowledge the work Tribal Governments and the state and federal partners have achieved, while highlighting concerns for the next administration.

The 2018 Tribal Water Summit is made possible through the support of the Department of Water Resources, and most importantly, the support of California's Tribes and communities, and organizations.

Your participation is critical to the success of the summit and the efforts of all Tribal, state and federal agencies managing water resources within their regions and statewide. The 2018 Tribal Water Summit demonstrates how California Tribal governments and state and federal agencies can work together to ensure the educational, cultural, and financial health of indigenous people. Working together, we can extend those benefits to surrounding communities as well. We look forward to our continued relationship-building, honoring sacred traditions, and respecting Tribal Sovereignty.

We also look forward to your participation in this historic gathering of Tribal leaders, government officials, agency secretaries, directors and legislators working together on water management and planning in California.

Sincerely



Karla Nemeth
Director, Department of Water Resources

Welcome Letter from Planning Team

Dear Tribal Leaders, State and Federal Partners,

On behalf of the 2018 Tribal Water Summit Planning Team it is our honor to welcome you to the third statewide California Tribal Water Summit. The 2018 Tribal Water Summit continues the unique collaboration of including Tribal perspectives and contributions to the California Water Plan Update 2018.

We would like to extend our thanks to the 2018 Tribal Water Planning Team members and organizers who have worked hard to ensure the success of this event. We were blessed to have an incredibly talented team of volunteers to contribute to the success of the Summit. Our goal over the next two days is to provide an opportunity for the highest Tribal and state government officials to discuss policy issues—what has worked and what work still needs to be accomplished.

Thank you to the Tribal Governments for your commitment and support of the Tribal Water Summit. You have generously provided assistance through participation in selecting the planning topics, financial sponsorship and guidance throughout the planning process. Thank you also to the Department of Water Resources and other organizations that generously donated their time, guidance, and financial sponsorship to ensure the success of the third statewide California Tribal Water Summit. We look forward to continued collaboration with the State of California and many more opportunities to share our culture and traditions, and to build stronger partnerships.

Thank you for your participation and support in this important event.

Welcome to the third 2018 Tribal Water Summit,



Honorable Ron W. Goode
Chairman, North Fork Mono Tribe
Chairman, 2018 Tribal Water
Summit Planning Team

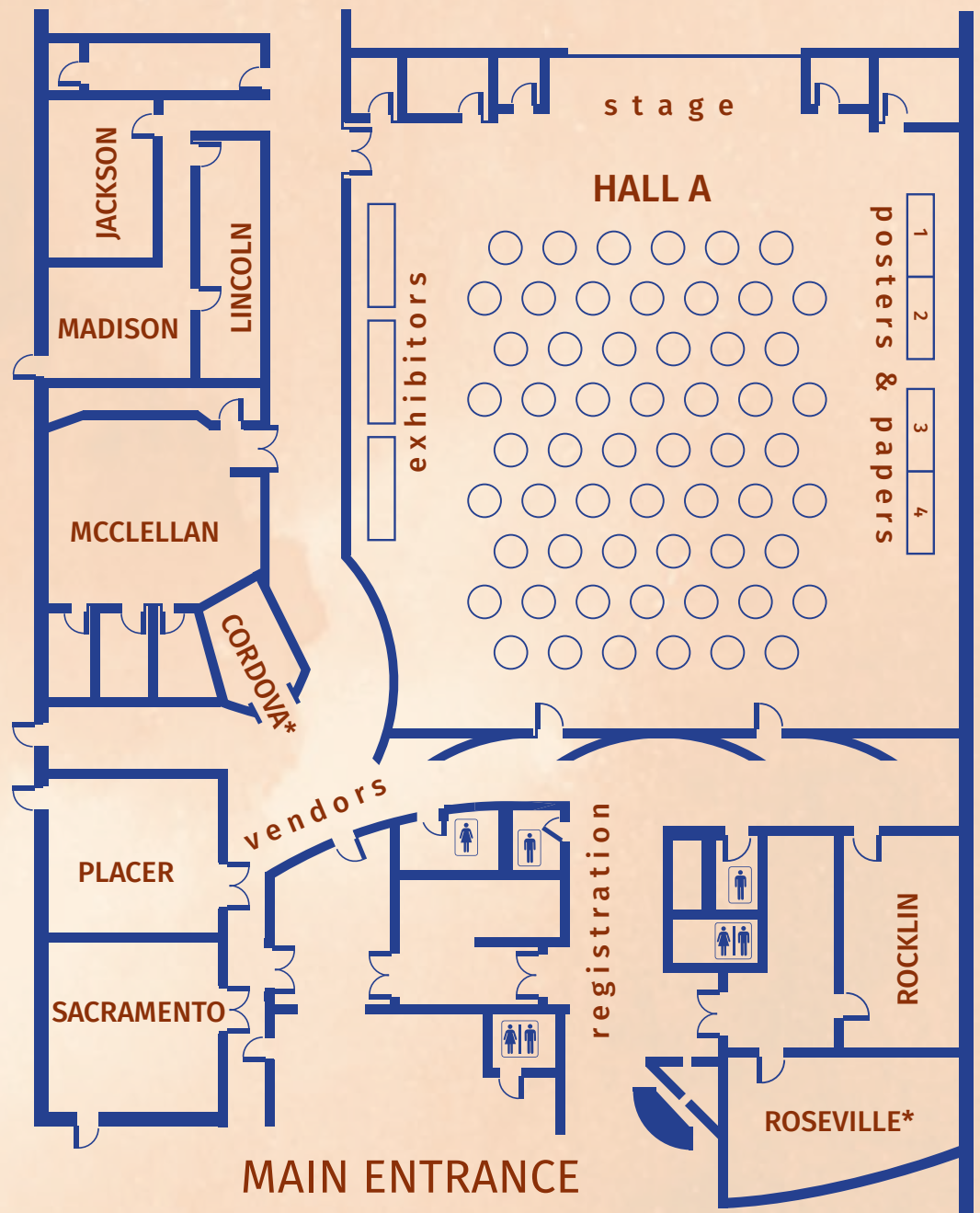


Anecita Agustinez,
Tribal Policy Advisor
Department of Water Resources



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Meeting Spaces Map



*There will be an Elder's Lounge in the Cordova Room from 9am-4pm.
A Working Lounge will be provided in the Roseville Room from 9am-4pm.

APRIL 4

Hall A

Registration	8:30am
Opening Plenary	9:45am
Indigenous Rights to Water	11:15am
Lunch	12:15pm
Prop 1/IRWM	1:15 & 3:45pm
Tribal & Agency Roundtable Session	2:40pm
Reception	5:30pm

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Water Infrastructure

Lincoln	1:15-2:30pm & 3:45-5pm
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Federal Water Rights

McClellan	1:15-2:30pm & 3:45-5pm
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Legislative Update

Placer	1:15-2:30pm & 3:45-5pm
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Water Quality

Sacramento	1:15-2:30pm & 3:45-5pm
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APRIL 5

Hall A

Registration	8:30am
Governance Issues	9:40am
Lunch	12:30pm
Tribal & Agency Roundtable Session	1:30pm
Closing Remarks	2:45pm

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Water & Food Sovereignty

Jackson	10:55-11:40am & 11:45am-12:30pm
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Indigenous Communities Climate Change Assessment

Lincoln	10:55-11:40am & 11:45am-12:30pm
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GIS Mapping

McClellan	10:55am-12:30pm
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Traditional Water Use & Subsistence Fish Consumption

Placer	10:55am-12:30pm
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Conservation Easements

Rocklin	10:55-11:40am & 11:45am-12:30pm
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Salton Sea

Sacramento	10:55-11:40am & 11:45am-12:30pm
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Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Breakout Sessions on Tribal Policy Issues

**Federal Water Rights
Case Studies
(North/Central; Southern)**
MCCLELLAN Conference Room

1:15–2:30pm & 3:45–5:00pm
Discuss specific federal water rights “case studies,” highlighting lessons learned and policy implications. Address pressing issues such as groundwater rights and treaty rights. Identify successful policy approaches and policy needs.

Legislative Updates
PLACER Conference Room

1:15–2:30pm & 3:45–5:00pm
Discuss recent and pending water-policy related legislation impacting Tribes (from a Tribal perspective and State Perspective). Provide resources on how Tribes can engage in the legislative process.

Water Infrastructure
LINCOLN Conference Room

1:15–2:30pm & 3:45–5:00pm
Discuss policy issues and needs related to water infrastructure. Potential topics include storage, groundwater recharge, dam removal, headwaters investment, upper watershed, and aquifers.

Water Quality Issues
SACRAMENTO Conference Room

1:15–2:30pm & 3:45–5:00pm
Discuss water quality issues impacting Tribes. Share perspectives and ideas on water policy related opportunities and challenges to address Tribal water quality needs.

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Breakout Sessions on Tribal Policy Issues

GIS Mapping Working Session
McCLELLAN Conference Room

10:55am–12:30pm
Introduce tools, live mapping demo, identify follow-up resources. Tribes present examples of how they have used tools.

**Protecting Tribal Traditional
Water Uses and Subsistence
Fish Consumption**
PLACER Conference Room

10:55am–12:30pm
Discuss the new Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBUs) the State Water Resources Control Board adopted under Resolution No. 2017–0027. Discussion topics include: the new TBUs; the TBUs and their role in the development of Water Quality Objectives; and the process of Triennial Review/303b/303d, including deadlines and data submittal.

**Indigenous Community
Climate Change Assessment**
LINCOLN Conference Room

10:55–11:40am & 11:45am–12:30pm
Share key highlights from Indigenous Communities Climate Change Assessment Report.

Water & Food Sovereignty
JACKSON Conference Room

10:55–11:40am & 11:45am–12:30pm
Discuss the interconnection between water and traditional foods and gathering practices (e.g. abalone, salmon fishing, plant medicine, acorn gathering). Highlight challenges and opportunities related to access to and availability of traditional foods, such as offshore drilling/oil spills, public/private lands, and water allocation.

**Preserving and Managing
the Salton Sea**
SACRAMENTO Conference Room

10:55–11:40am & 11:45am–12:30pm
Discuss water resource management approaches and partnerships that are seeking to maintain and preserve the traditional cultural and ecological value of the Salton Sea.

Conservation Easements
ROCKLIN Conference Room

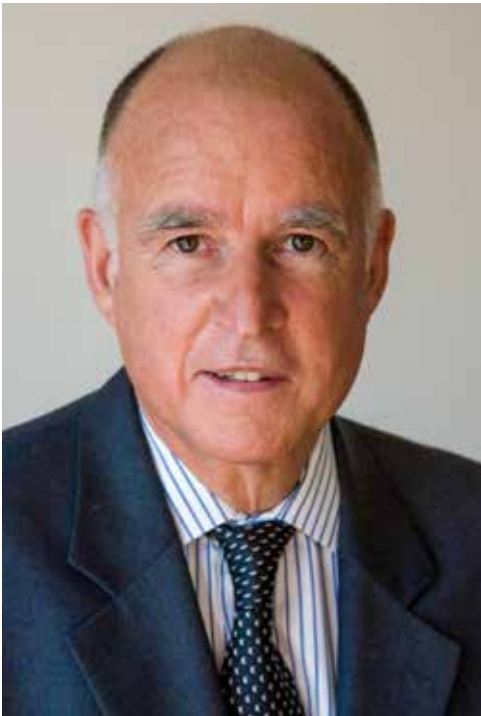
10:55–11:40am & 11:45am–12:30pm
Provide an overview and discussion of conservation easements. Share experiences, perspectives, and lessons learned from Tribes that have developed and worked with partners in managing conservation easements.

Reception and Dinner Program — April 4

5:30pm	Opening Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Carlos Geisdorff, <i>Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians</i>
5:40pm	Reception Sponsor Announcement <ul style="list-style-type: none">Honorable Geneva Lofton-Fitzsimmons, <i>Vice President, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority</i>
Dinner — Buffet Open	
6:00pm	Keynote Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Honorable Bo Mazzetti, <i>President, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority</i>Keynote Speaker: Honorable James Ramos, <i>Chairman, Native American Heritage Commission San Bernardino County Supervisor</i>
6:15pm	Cultural Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Karuk Flower Dance
6:40pm	Recognition and Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tribute to past Tribal Communication Committee and Tribal Advisory Committee members for the California State Water Plan Update and past Tribal Water SummitRecognition of 2018 Tribal Water Summit Planning members2018 Leadership and Innovation Awards
7:15pm	Cultural Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuolumne Me-Wuk Traditional Dance Group
8:00pm	Adjourn

Thank you to our dinner sponsor — San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority

Speakers' Bios



Governor Jerry Brown

The Hon. Edmund G. Brown Jr. was born in San Francisco on April 7, 1938. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1955 and entered Sacred Heart Novitiate, a Jesuit seminary. He later attended the University of California, Berkeley, graduating in 1961 before earning a J.D. at Yale Law School in 1964. Brown was elected Trustee for the Los Angeles Community College District in 1969, Secretary of State in 1970, and Governor in 1974 and 1978. As Governor, he helped create millions of jobs, strengthened environmental protections, and promoted renewable energy. After his governorship, Brown lectured and traveled widely, practiced law, served as chairman of the state Democratic Party and ran for U.S. President. In 1998, Brown was elected mayor of Oakland and helped revitalize its downtown and reduce crime, while also founding two high-performing charter schools. Brown was elected California Attorney General in 2006 and worked to protect consumers, pursue mortgage fraud and real estate scams, champion workers' rights and crack down on violent crime. Brown was elected to a third gubernatorial term in 2010 and to a historic fourth term in 2014. Since returning to the Governor's Office, Brown helped eliminate the state's multi-billion dollar budget deficit, spearheading successful campaigns to provide billions in new funding for California's schools (Proposition 30) and established a robust Rainy Day Fund to prepare for the next economic downturn (Proposition 2). Under Brown, California has cut its unemployment rate in half, expanded health coverage to millions more Californians, and added more than 2.5 million new jobs, while enacting sweeping public safety, immigration, workers' compensation, water, pension, education, housing, and economic development reforms. California has also established nation-leading targets to protect the environment and fight climate change, and by 2030 the state will reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels, generate half of its electricity from renewable sources, double the rate of energy efficiency savings in its buildings, reduce today's petroleum use in cars and trucks by up to 50 percent and have 5 million zero-emission vehicles in California by 2030.

Speakers' Bios



Alberto Ramirez

Alberto Ramirez is currently the Tribal Administrator for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Tribe. In the past 19 years, Mr. Ramirez has worked for the tribe in different capacities such as Natural Resources Director, Training and Development Director, and Environmental Protection Director. He was also the Environmental Compliance Manager for KSC Corporation in La Quinta, California and Deputy Director for Save the Children Foundation in Sonora, Mexico.



Alexis Strauss

Alexis Strauss is the Acting Regional Administrator of EPA's Pacific Southwest Region (Region 9), based in San Francisco. Ms. Strauss oversees a regional staff charged with implementation and enforcement of federal environmental laws in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands, and 148 tribal nations. From 1994 to 2012, she served as the Director of the Water Division in Region 9, leading implementation of the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and other statutes. Earlier in her career at EPA, she worked in the Superfund and Hazardous Waste programs. In 2008, Alexis received the Presidential Rank Award.



Anecita Agustinez

Anecita Agustinez, is a Tribal Citizen of the Dine (Navajo) Nation, and serves as Tribal Policy Advisor at the California Department of Water Resources. With over 30 years of advocacy experience on behalf of California's Native American Tribes, she provides policy direction regarding Tribal engagement and Tribal consultation in the areas of regional water planning, flood management, climate change, energy issues, drought, ecosystem restoration, sustainable groundwater management, water bond grant funding, environmental justice, and disadvantaged community engagement. Her commitment to advancing environmental and social justice issues is maintained through her cultural stakeholder and leadership abilities by mentoring youth, and through community involvement on a state and national scale. She continues her community involvement as a mentor and media strategist for community non-profits, and assisting Tribal Governments, Tribal communities and government agencies.



Angela Mooney D'Arcy

Angela Mooney D'Arcy is a member of the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation and has been working with Tribal Nations, Indigenous peoples, and grassroots organizations on environmental justice issues for over 14 years. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples which works to build the capacity of Tribal Nations and Indigenous peoples to protect sacred lands, waters, and cultures. She is the Co-Director of the United Coalition to Protect Panhe, which is dedicated to the protection of the Acjachemen Peoples sacred sites. She serves on the Board of the Blas Aguilar Adobe Museum & Acjachemen Cultural Center. She has secured funding from the Native Arts & Cultures Foundation, Mobilizing Communities through the Arts initiative to support cultural programming for tribal members. She teaches Native American Law at University of California, Riverside; teaches Indigenous Cultural Resource Law in Theory and Practice through UCLA Extension and the TLCEE Working in Tribal Communities program.

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Anthony Madrigal Sr.

The Hon. Anthony Madrigal Sr. is Vice Chairperson of the Cahuilla Band of Indians whose reservation and traditional lands are located in Southern California. He is an attorney and educator. He has served as staff counsel for the Native American Heritage Commission and currently serves as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Cahuilla Band of Indians. His work centers on cultural preservation. Mr. Madrigal holds a doctorate in Native American history and has worked as an adjunct instructor at local colleges.



Armando Quintero

Armando Quintero serves as Chairman of the California Water Commission. He is from San Rafael and is the Executive Director of the University of California, Merced Sierra Nevada Research Institute and previously served as the Institute's director of development from 2008 to 2014. He was an independent environmental educator from 1998 to 2008 and held multiple positions at the U.S. National Park Service from 1977 to 1998, including district ranger and chief of the special park uses group at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Mr. Quintero is president of the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors.



Bruce Wilcox

Bruce Wilcox is the assistant secretary for Salton Sea policy at the California Natural Resources Agency. Under his leadership, the State of California will advance an effort with Tribal, state, federal, and local stakeholders to develop a comprehensive framework for Salton Sea management. The multi-agency effort's goals will be to protect air quality, habitat, and water supply reliability at the Salton Sea. Mr. Wilcox has been interim assistant executive director at the Salton Sea Authority since 2015 and manager of environmental and Salton Sea programs at the Imperial Irrigation District since 2008, where he led the implementation of mitigation and restoration efforts.



Bo Mazzetti

The Hon. Bo Mazzetti has served as Tribal Chairman of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians since 2007. Mr. Mazzetti serves as president of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority, a consortium of five tribes that have been engaged in political and legal activities to secure water resources lost through federal granting of tribal water rights to local cities. A founder and member of the Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association, he has been working with chairpersons in Northern and Central California to recreate a revitalized California Tribal Chairman's Association. The founding member and former executive director of the Reservation Transportation Authority (RTA), he now serves on the executive committee. He has served as a board member on the California Department of Transportation's Native American Advisory Committee since 1998. Mazzetti served in the United States Navy and is a Vietnam veteran.

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Carmel Brown

Carmel Brown is Chief of the Financial Assistance Branch within the Division of Integrated Regional Water Management at the California Department of Water Resources. Carmel serves as the Division's primary liaison with a multitude of local and regional water resource management partners and interested parties involved with integrated regional water management planning and grants. She works closely with DWR's California Water Plan, Water Use Efficiency, Flood Management and Sustainable Groundwater Management teams, as well as state agency partners such as the State Water Board, to coordinate and leverage resources in assisting regions to build capacity for sustainable management of water resources. Carmel came to DWR and joined the Department's executive team in 2013, bringing over 25 years of diverse private consulting experience in water resources, including strategic planning, policy and program development, regulatory compliance, grant writing, and training.



Charlton "Chuck" Bonham

Charlton "Chuck" Bonham has served as Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife since 2011. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Bonham served in various roles for Trout Unlimited over ten years, including since 2004 as the organization's California director. Mr. Bonham was responsible for developing, managing, and implementing TU's programs in California. These programs include the California Water Project, Sportsmen's Conservation Project, and restoration and watershed projects in both Northern and Southern California. Mr. Bonham also served on the Board of Directors of the Delta Conservancy. Mr. Bonham received his J.D. and Environmental and Natural Resources Law Certificate from the North-western School of Law of Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, West Africa, and an instructor and guide at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, in Bryson City, N.C.



Chris Devers

The Hon. Chris Devers is a member of the Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians. Mr. Devers has spent a majority of his life on the Pauma Indian Reservation. Mr. Devers graduated from Fallbrook Union High School in 1970. After 2 years at UCLA, Mr. Devers enlisted in the U.S. Army. After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Devers has worked in the construction field as a heavy equipment operator, Water Master for the Pauma Band, Native American Circuit Rider for the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Native American monitor for Native Grounds, and is currently the Cultural Liaison for the Pauma Band. Mr. Devers has served on the Band's Tribal Council, as Committee Member, Vice Chairman, and Tribal Chairman. Mr. Devers has offered his services in many ways to assist California Indians in the fields of education, health, and energy development.



Christina Snider

Christina Snider serves as Tribal Advisor to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and Executive Secretary to the Native American Heritage Commission. She is an enrolled member of the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians. Ms. Snider is admitted to practice law in California and Washington, D.C. Ms. Snider's legal practice has focused on the intersection of tribal law and policy. She has worked extensively on tribal tax, economic development, gaming, child welfare, juvenile justice, cultural resource protection, voting rights, and government relations at the state and federal levels. Ms. Snider is a 2013 graduate of the UCLA School of Law and served on the executive boards of the District of Columbia Native American Bar Association and the California Indian Law Association.

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Christopher Peters

Christopher Peters is the owner and principal consultant for Red Deer Consulting, an independent firm that provides identity-based cultural advising, mentoring and capacity-building services for Tribal communities. For the past 29 years, Mr. Peters has served as the President and CEO of the Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, a 40-year-old Native-led Indigenous Peoples' foundation. His work is especially focused on the renaissance of sacred knowledge and Earth Renewal ceremonies of the Northern California Tribal Peoples. Chris has a B.S. degree from the University of California at Davis in Native American Studies. He has also earned a M.A. degree in Counseling Psychology from Stanford University



Chuck Striplen

Chuck Striplen is a member of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and an Environmental Scientist with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. He received his BA in Biology and Environmental Studies from UC Santa Cruz, and his M.S. and Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. Over the last 25 years, Mr. Striplen has worked in public, private, tribal, non-profit, and academic settings, primarily in the areas of tribal management of natural resources, historical ecology, water quality, and watershed stewardship. He currently serves as a Science Advisor to California's Ocean Protection Council, and sits on the Governmental Advisory Committee for US EPA.



Craig Tucker

Craig Tucker is the Natural Resources Policy Advocate for the Karuk Tribe. Since 2004 he has organized efforts by a coalition of Tribes, conservation groups, and fishing organizations to remove the lower four Klamath dams and restore Klamath River fisheries. Mr. Tucker has participated directly in the negotiations that produced the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement which calls for the removal of the lower four Klamath River dams in 2020. He has worked collaboratively with partners around the state to reform California's regulations pertaining to small scale gold mining, engaged with lawmakers and state agencies as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was passed into law, and advocated for Tribal inclusion in Proposition 1 funding. Mr. Tucker grew up in South Carolina. He received his B.S. in biochemistry from Clemson University went on to get a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Vanderbilt University.



Cindy Messer

Cindy Messer was appointed Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources in February 2017. Prior to her appointment, Messer served as a policy advisor to the director and former chief deputy director regarding issues impacting statewide water management. In 2012, Messer was the deputy director of the Planning, Performance, and Technology Division at the Delta Stewardship Council. At the Council, she coordinated the preparation and implementation of the Delta Plan. Messer has served as the assistant executive officer for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. Messer also worked for more than 10 years in various technical and managerial roles in DWR's Division of Environmental Services. Messer earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in environmental policy analysis and planning at the University of California, Davis. She earned a Master of Science degree in conservation biology from California State University, Sacramento.

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Donna Begay

The Hon. Donna Begay is a former Tubatulabal Tribal Chairwoman and advocate for improved government-to-government collaboration and consultation policies and protocols. She has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of organizational change, strategic planning, IT governance, technology, and community development. She has served as a Tribal consultant in Tribal IT management, worked on cultural preservation, and federal/state/local legislation. She also has worked to further environmental justice through state water planning. She has served on the CA Transportation Tribal Advisory Board and the Cal/EPA Tribal Advisory Committee, and provided strategic planning for non-profits. She is a former California Gubernatorial Appointee with the Department of Rehabilitation and has served as Chief Information Officer for California Conservation Corps and the Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwok. Ms. Begay is currently working for California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)—State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in the Division of Information Technology.



Dore Bietz

Dore Bietz is Northern and Southern Me-Wuk and resides on the Tuolumne Rancheria in Central California. After receiving a degree in Landscape Architecture, Ms. Bietz has worked for tribes specializing in realty and land use. Ms. Bietz served as a former council woman and an enrolled member of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians. Ms. Bietz currently works as the Planner and Emergency Manager for the Tuolumne MeWuk Tribal Council where she is involved in every aspect of community development. Ms. Bietz also serves on the Cal Trans Native American Advisory Council, Cal EPA's Tribal Advisory Committee, on the Governors' Task Force for FirstNet, as a member of the Statewide Tree Mortality Task Force, the Secretary for the California Indian Forest and Fire Management Council (CIFFMC), and, is a board member to iTEMA, the Tribal Emergency Management Association.



Felicia Marcus

Felicia Marcus is the State Water Resources Control Board Chair, appointed by Governor Jerry Brown. The Board manages the state's drinking water and water quality regulation, and implements the state's water rights laws. Felicia served as the Administrator of USEPA Region IX in the Clinton Administration where she was known for bringing unlikely allies together for environmental progress on a wide range of issues. Felicia headed Los Angeles' Department of Public Works at a time when the City went from garnering lawsuits to garnering national awards for environmental excellence. In the non-profit world, she was the Western Director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, and was the Executive VP/COO of the Trust for Public Land, a national non-profit devoted to conserving land for people. She also was a private and non-profit sector attorney in Los Angeles and has served on many non-profit boards and advisory councils.



Glenda Nelson

The Hon. Glenda Nelson is the Chairperson of the Enterprise Rancheria Estom Yumeka Maidu and has served on Tribal Council for 12 years. Her tenure includes Vice Chairperson to Enterprise Rancheria Housing Board, and as a member of Education, Elders and Cultural committees. She is active in local government, statewide and national tribal organizations. She is the Board President for Ipakanni Early College School and Secretary to California Association of Tribal Governments. She is a delegate to National Congress of American Indians, California Nations Indian Gaming Association, National Indian Gaming Association, California Online Poker Association, Fee to Trust Advisory Committee and the BIA Advisory Committee. She has experience in the legal field and recently retired as the Chief Business Official for two school districts. Her grandmother and father raised her on the Rancheria and taught Glenda to protect her tribe's lands and sovereign rights.

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John Andrew

John Andrew is Assistant Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources where since 2006 he has overseen the Department's climate change activities. His previous organizational affiliations include the Stege Sanitary District, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, the California Department of Health Services, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the US Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Andrew has over 25 years of experience in water resources and environmental engineering, and holds degrees in Civil Engineering and Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.



John Covington

John Covington has been employed by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians since 2005 to manage the Tribe's Water and Wastewater Departments. He also serves in the capacity of an administrator and oversees other tribal departments. Mr. Covington has over 30 years of industry experience, as well as serving many local agencies and intergovernmental committees. He is experienced in local and regional water issues, and has been instrumental as an advocate for legislative reform relating to Native American water resources and water rights. He currently serves as Chairman of the Riverside County Municipal Advisory Commission, Chairman of the San Geronio Collaborative Agency, and President of the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District.



Karla A. Nemeth

Karla Nemeth was appointed Director of the California Department of Water Resources by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on January 10, 2018. Ms. Nemeth oversees the Department and its mission to manage and protect California's water resources, working with other agencies in order to benefit the state's people and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments. Ms. Nemeth worked at the California Natural Resources Agency as Governor Brown's deputy secretary and senior advisor for water policy since 2014. She was Bay Delta Conservation Plan project manager from 2009 to 2014. Ms. Nemeth was environmental and public affairs director for the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District from 2005 to 2009. She was community affairs manager at Jones and Stokes from 2003 to 2005. She has a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington.



Kamyar Guivetchi

Kamyar Guivetchi is the Manager of the Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management with the California Department of Water Resources. During his 40 years with DWR, Mr. Guivetchi has worked on technical and planning projects with the North-Central Region Office, Division of Planning, Bay-Delta Office, and Division of Environmental Services managing the Suisun Marsh Program. In the past 18 years, he has managed staff work and coordinated the participation of government agencies, Native American Tribes, stakeholders, and the public to prepare the California Water Plan Updates 2005, 2009 and 2013. He chairs the State Agency Steering Committee for preparing Water Plan Update 2018, and is the State Co-chair of the California Biodiversity Council's Executive Committee. Mr. Guivetchi has a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering; completed post graduate work in environmental engineering at the University of California, Davis; and is a California-registered civil engineer.

Speakers' Bios



Karola Kennedy

Karola Kennedy works for the Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians as the Environmental Director. She has been in the position and living in Lake County for two years. She is very passionate about the environmental issues in Lake County and Clear Lake. In her previous career she gained extensive experience in developing constructive and cooperative working relationships with others and maintained them over time. She attended the University of Nevada, Reno and obtained a Bachelor of Science in environmental engineering and received designation as an engineer in training.



Kenneth McDarment

The Hon. Kenneth McDarment is an enrolled member of the Tule River Indian Tribe of California and is the Vice Chairman of the Tule River Tribal Council. He resides on the Tule River Indian Reservation. Mr. McDarment is a cattle rancher and is passionate about the natural resources on the Reservation. Mr. McDarment is a member of the Tule River Tribal Water Team which has spent a lot of time working to implement the Tribe's Water Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement was negotiated in 2007 with downstream users on the South Fork Tule River. In working to improve the water-related infrastructure on the Tule River Reservation and provide the community with safe and clean water, Mr. McDarment's focus has been on the maintenance and improvement of the Tribe's existing water distribution system, storage tanks, and the Tribe's wastewater treatment.



La Vonne Peck

The Hon. La Vonne Peck is the co-founder of Native Network Consulting and a past Tribal Chair-woman of the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians in Southern California. During her time serving as Chairwoman, Ms. Peck was key to successfully operating all Tribal programs as well as building economic enterprises. Over the past 20 years, she has also consulted with Tribes in the areas of emergency management, oil & gas, water resources, and economic development. In the past three years, she has concentrated on the emerging green industry and the opportunities it can provide Tribes. Ms. Peck was appointed in 2017 to serve on the California Cannabis Advisory Committee, under the Bureau of Cannabis Control.



Les Marston

Les Marston is a Cahuilla Indian with more than 40 years of experience representing Indian tribal governments and individual Indians. Mr. Marston has served as in-house counsel to 16 federally recognized Indian tribes located in California, Arizona, Oregon, and Wisconsin, and has worked with tribes, organizations, and groups in Kansas, Michigan, New York, Minnesota, and Washington. Mr. Marston has served as the Chief Judge for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Indian Community of Oregon. Mr. Marston has served as the Chief Judge of the Blue Lake Rancheria. He also served as city attorney for the City of Willits, California. Mr. Marston is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California, numerous federal district courts, the 7th, 9th and Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Claims Court, the U.S. Supreme Court, and tribal courts throughout the U.S.

Speakers' Bios



Lily Weaver

Lily Weaver is an attorney with the State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Chief Counsel, where she has served since 2015. Her areas of focus are cannabis regulation, water rights, tribal cultural resources, urban water conservation, and civil service matters. She is the lead author of tribal resource protection requirements in the Board's Cannabis Cultivation Policy. Ms. Weaver previously worked as the Oceans and Preservation Advocate for Environment California from 2012 to 2015, where she contributed to securing California's statewide ban on single-use plastic bags. She is an alumna of the University of California, Davis and Harvard Law School. As a law student, Ms. Weaver completed summer placements with the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality. She volunteers for the Sacramento LGBT Community Center's legal aid program.



Luke Madrigal

Luke Madrigal is an enrolled member of the Cahuilla Band of Indians and has worked in Tribal Child Welfare Programs for over 30 years. He is a Traditional Cahuilla Bird Singer and has knowledge pertaining to local Native American culture and practices, education, and administration. He was an Artist/Recipient of a California State Endowment for the Arts grant. He has served six years on Tribal Council. He serves as a board member for The National Indian Child Welfare Association, Chair of the Native American Chancellors Advisory Council at UC Riverside, member of the California Indian Nation College Committee, and on the Riverside Metropolitan Museum Cahuilla Continuum Advisory Committee, and is the Co-Chair of the Riverside County Tribal Alliance for American Indian Children and Families. He is a Smithsonian Scholar in the Native Visiting Artist Program Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.



Mark Radoff

Mark Radoff is a senior attorney in California Indian Legal Service's Escondido Office, and the Chief Judge of the Chemehuevi Tribal Court. He has over 30 years of legal experience, including representation of Indian tribes, juveniles, and parents in court, and advising tribes on economic development, resource management, code-drafting, and water quantification. Mr. Radoff represents tribal governments, business formations, finance, land acquisition, and fee-to-trust applications. Mr. Radoff was co-counsel of the 2016 Supreme Court Amici Curae Brief in U.S. vs. Unite Here International Union case; authored and argued various California Supreme Court amicus briefs, including In re W.B. (2012), In re Isaiah W. (2016), and Abbigail A. (2016). He is a member of the California Tribal-State Judicial Forum. Secretary of the CA Tribal Judges Association, Past Hearing Officer for the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution District, and the New Mexico Medical Review Board, and a past board member of Inyo-Mono Advocates for Community Action. He obtained his law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, and Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



Nuin-Tara Key

Nuin-Tara Key is resilience program manager with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research where she manages the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program. Ms. Key has worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors on sustainable urban and regional planning and policy, with a focus on social equity and climate change. She has a Masters degree in urban and regional planning from Portland State University. She is also a National Audubon Society and Toyota 2010 TogetherGreen Fellow, through which she led the Climate Justice Initiative, an effort to bridge the climate and equity gap in the Portland region by raising awareness of the policy implications of climate change through an equity lens.

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Oscar Serrano

Oscar Serrano is a principal engineer for the Colusa Indian Community Council. Mr. Serrano is a registered civil engineer in the State of California and currently manages all of the Tribe's water resources projects and is responsible for keeping the Tribe abreast of all of the water issues throughout the state that could impact the Tribe's water resources. Before joining the Tribe, Mr. Serrano was an associate engineer for West Yost Associates in Davis, CA. Mr. Serrano has a Masters of Science degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of California, Berkeley and is also a graduate of the Water Education Foundation's 2010 Water Leaders class. Mr. Serrano is a past Region 9 governor for the American Society of Civil Engineers—Sacramento Section (ASCE) and a past president of the ASCE Sacramento Section.



Ron Goode

The Hon. Ron W. Goode is Tribal Chairman of the North Fork Mono Tribe and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is a life member of the Sierra Mono Museum and the United States Judo Federation. He holds a 6th degree Black Belt in Judo and is a retired Community College Prof. in ethnic studies. In 2002, he was inducted in the Clovis Hall of Fame for his work in education and community service and was named CA Indian Education Teacher of the Year in 2006 and 2007. In 1992, he authored an ethnobotany book on native plants and resources called Cultural Traditions Endangered. He also co-authored other published books, journals, articles and curriculum, including a book on Black Oak Restoration. He is the coordinating lead author for the Tribal Indigenous Communities Climate Change Assessment. He and his Tribal members have been restoring cultural resource sites including meadow, oak, and cultural resource restorations on forest lands over the past 25 years, enhancing the ecological environment, watersheds, and cultural resources of the forests, parks, and Tribal lands.



Sage LaPena

Sage LaPena is a certified clinical herbalist and teacher specializing in both Traditional Native American and Western Herbal traditions. She is also an ethnobotany instructor, lecturer, and practices and teaches traditional plant stewardship. Since the age of eight, Ms. LaPena has been working with local medicine people from her tribe, the Northern Wintu of the Upper Sacramento and headwaters of the Trinity River and other neighboring tribes such as Maidu, Miwok, Pomo and Karuk. Ms. LaPena maintains a strong connection with her community through continued participation in ceremonial and cultural activities. She maintains her own herbal practice under Mountain Thistle Botanicals and Consultation. As lead herbalist, she oversees all harvesting and storage, medicine-making and compounding of formulations. Her focus is diabetes and nutrition, rheumatology and gynecology. Her most fulfilling jobs have been as a mother to many, grandmother to a few, and student of the traditional healing arts of Northern California.



Russell Attebery

The Hon. Russell Attebery has been Tribal Chairman of the Karuk Tribe since 2012. He was a teacher and athletic director at Happy Camp High School from 2009 to 2012, substitute teacher for Shasta County Schools from 2003 to 2008, and quality control supervisor and sawyer at Sierra Pacific Industries from 1982 to 2003. Chairman Attebery has degrees from California State University, Sacramento and Humboldt. He currently serves as a Commissioner for the Native American Heritage Commission, is a representative on the Tribal Interior Budget Council, a member of the Northern California Chairman's Association, and the American Professional Baseball Association.

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Sam Cohen

Sam Cohen is the government affairs officer and legal officer for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. Mr. Cohen led the tribe to successfully establish land in federal trust for a Chumash Museum and Cultural Center. Mr. Cohen served as lead counsel in the renegotiation of the Tribal State Compact in 2014 and 2015. Mr. Cohen earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and his law degree from the University of Minnesota and studied law at University College London. He has a graduate law degree from the Tax Program at New York University and served as managing editor of the Minnesota Law Review. He has authored on Native American legal issues and serves as a board member for the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture & Business, Santa Ynez Chamber of Commerce, and Econ Alliance of North Santa Barbara County.



Sarah Ryan

Sarah Ryan is the Environmental Director for the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians. She has a degree in government from the College of William and Mary in Virginia and has obtained various certifications for the environmental protection activities that she performs on a regular basis. Ms. Ryan works closely with Tribal members, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board and US EPA Region 9 on water quality and natural resource protection issues. Ms. Ryan has been involved in Tribal Beneficial Use development and adoption that occurred in 2017 at the State Water Resources Control Board. With her staff at the Big Valley EPA, she is also engaged in algal toxin testing and water chemistry parameters and pesticide monitoring on Clear Lake and its tributaries, nutrient and mercury TMDL implementation measures on Clear Lake, and programmatic and policy development on regional water quality issues.



Sherri Norris

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Thomas Keegan

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